during the year 2000-01, was 320.75 MMSCM against the target of 296.4 MMSCM.

Supply of dean fuel to Hyderabad

1742. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hyderabad has been declared a "Clean-City";

(b) if so, whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has approached Government to include Hyderabad as one of the Metro cities where only clean fuels are supplied;

(c) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, by when a decision is expected to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) (a) to (d) Presently petrol & diesel of 0.05% max. sulphur content is being supplied in the four metropolitan cities. Based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Government on Auto Fuel Policy and the request of Government of Andhra Pradesh, it has been decided to supply petrol and diesel of 0.05% max sulphur content to Hyderabad from 1.4.2003.

Shares acquired by IOC

1743. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of acquisition of shares made by IOC since 1998; and

(b) the total amount depleted from the reserves of IOC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH

GANGWAR): (a) and (b) While there had been no acquisition of shares made by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) in 1998-99, the details of acquisitions made by IOC in the following companies during the years 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 are as under:

Year	Company	Number of shares	Percentage holding (%)	Total (Rs/Crore)
1999-2000	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.	137067381	9.61	2225.16
	Gas Authority of India Ltd.	40839549	4.83	245.04
	Lubrizol India Ltd.	960000	50.00	1187.89
2000-2001	Chcnnai Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	77265200	51.81	509.33
	Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd.	148793826	74.46	148.79
2001-	Indian Oiltanking Ltd.	27500000	25.00	44.00
	IBP Co. Ltd.	7437808	33.58	1153.68

All these acquisitions have been made from the internal accruals of the company and borrowings wherever required. Therefore, there was no depletion in reserves because of these acquisitions.

Hike in royalty on crude

1744. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government propose to hike royalty on crude;

(b) the details of royalty per tonne at present and the royalty after the proposed hike;

(c) the States which are getting royalty at present; and

(d) by when the increased royalty will be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR);